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COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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OPTICAL FIBRE IN A.P
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present on optical fibre in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to modernise transmission links to some exchange by optical fibre during 2001-2002; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 1959 exchanges are connected by optical fibre in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir. 117 remaining exchanges are planned to be connected with optical fibre or Radio by March, 2002.

(c) It is planned to provide reliable media to the remaining exchanges (including new exchanges proposed) by March, 2002 subject to availability of resources. The existing exchanges working on reliable media other than OFC media will be provided with OFC subject to justification and availability of resources.

The position as on 31/3/2001 is as follows:-

Exchanges with Optical Fibre media	1959
Exchanges with Radio media	656
Exchanges with other reliable media	17
Exchanges on non-reliable media	117
Total Exchanges	2759